

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of surplus foodgrains, the Government propose to introduce some more scheme like Food For Work so that development works could be undertaken and the poor may get food in view of it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which this scheme is likely to be started in all the States?

Answer

MINISTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (c) The Government have already introduced a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) viz. the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) with a total outlay of Rs. 10,000 crores w.e.f September 25, 2001. Under the Scheme, 50 lakh tonnes of foodgrains valued at Rs. 5000 crores (at economic cost) will be provided every year, free of cost, to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The remaining funds (Rs. 5000 crores) will be utilized, to meet the cash component of the scheme. Foodgrain @5 kgs per mandays will be provided to the workers as a part of wages and the balance in cash to ensure that the workers get statutory minimum wages notified by the State Government.